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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. SCA HAS AGREED TO ISSUE VISAS FOR THE SOVIETS INVITED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP ON THE CONDITIONS (A) THAT KUBASOV IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE DELEGATION (SPONSOR HAS TOLD US THAT THERE IS SOME DOUBT THAT KUBASOV CAN STILL COME) AND (B) THAT SPONSOR IS ADVISED THAT THE GROUP MUST NOT ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITIES WHICH PROMOTE THE CAUSE OF THE CPUSA. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO SEND AUTHORIZATION CABLE MONDAY AFTER FBI PRO FORMA OBJECTION TO BEREZHKOVA HAS BEEN OVERCOME.

2. AGREE THAT AP QUOTE (MOSCOW 10873 PARA 5) WAS NOT HELPFUL. REGRETTABLY HE DID NOT FOLLOW HIS OWN GUIDELINE ABOUT NEVER TALKING TO PRESS. I SPOKE TO BILL ABOUT GETTING SOME WORD TO THE EMBASSY SO THAT STAFF DOES NOT HAVE TO RELY SOLELY ON AP. HE WILL CALL TOM ON MONDAY WITH UPDATE AND LEAVE IT TO TOM HOW TO HANDLE INFO AT THAT END.

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3. ASIDE FROM AN UNPLEASANT EDITORIAL IN TODAY'S POST WHICH ARGUES THAT IN ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE TO CONTRARY "IT HAS TO BE ASSUMED THAT RUSSIANS ARE ENDANGERING HEALTH, NOT TO SAY LIVES OF AMERICANS CITIZENS" PRESS PLAY HAS BEEN

FAIR, AND WE THINK ISSUE WILL NOW FADE.

4. SEE NO PROBLEM WITH YOU BEING AT KIEV OPENING. I BRIEFED CONABLE TODAY, AND AM SURE HE WILL BE AN EXCELLENT VIP. AS YOU KNOW, HE IS POTENTIALLY HELPFUL ON THE TRADE/EMIGRATION ISSUE.

5. ON KIEV BOUNDARY QUESTION WE DO NOT FORESEE BITTER-ENDING IT, BUT WANT ROBIN'S ESTIMATE AFTER HE GETS THERE. SEEMS TO US THAT WE HAVE MOST OF WHAT WE NEED, AND IF WE CAN GET A FEW SQUARE METERS MORE WE ARE READY TO LEAD THE STAMPEDE TO A COMPROMISE. HOWEVER WE ARE NOT FLEXIBLE ON LETTING THE SOVIETS START THEIR RECONFIGURATION HERE BEFORE THEY START WORK ON STRETELSKAYA.

6. APPRECIATE THE PROBLEMS WITH ECON/COMMERCIAL AND WILL BEAR THE STAFF SHORTFALL IN MIND.

7. WE WILL BE MEETING AGAIN WITH FSI ON LANGUAGE TRAINING AND HAVE THE GERM OF A MEMO TO THE DG IN MIND WHICH WOULD MAKE THE POINTS YOU HAVL MADE.

8. WE WERE CONTACTED BY MRS. JANE JOHNSON, WIFE OF A MANAGER OF KOREAN OPERATIONS FOR INGERSOLL-RAND WHO EXPECTS TO BE ASSIGNED TO MOSCOW THIS FALL. MRS. JOHNSON IS NOW EMPLOYED BY THE EMBASSY COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN SEOUL IN CLERICAL CAPACITY AND IS INTERESTED IN SIMILAR EMPLOYMENT WITH COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN MOSCOW. MRS. JOHNSON'S DUTIES IN SEOUL INCLUDED PREPARATION OF BROCHURES AND LITERATURE FOR EXHIBITS AND TRADE SHOWS. IF EMBASSY MIGHT HAVE OPENING FOR MRS. JOHNSON, SUGGEST YOU WRITE TO SEOUL C/O J.D. BINDENAGEL, ASSIST. COMMATT.

9. SUZANNE MASSIE NOW HAS BEEN TOLD SHE WILL NOT GET A VISA AFTER ALL, DESPITE THE INVITATION. SHE WILL PROBABLY
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